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State shuts down Canton cemetery

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Knollwood Memorial Park cemetery was closed last week by state of Michigan regulators citing a "lack of integrity to protect the public and a lack of good moral character."

The closure, effected by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, came after the discovery of 27 containers with remains that lacked proper documentation, including death certificates, forms and burial transit permits, according to a prepared statement from authorities.

State officials said they intend to levy a $135,000 fine for the infractions.

The closure followed an investigation of the Perry Funeral Home in Detroit where the handling of fetal remains was found in violation of accepted and legal procedures. The state closed that funeral home in October and removed the remains of 63 fetuses, according to reports.

Knollwood is accused by regulators of receiving remains of dead infants and fetuses without proper authorization from a relative or legal custodian. In a prepared statement the state office said the cemetery "aided and abetted" the Perry Funeral Home by storing remains.

The number of remains in the containers discovered at Knollwood is undetermined, investigators said. The plastic containers have been removed from the cemetery, officials said, although no information as to the disposition of the remains was made available.

Hometown heroes

For the 19th year, the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club presented awards to the public safety officers who demonstrated outstanding service during the year. Proudly congratulating the officers are Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, standing at far left, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, standing at far right. Standing second from left is Andy Savage, Huron Valley Ambulance vice president for eastern operations who presented the award to Senior Paramedic Geoffrey Hill, seated at left. Firefighter of the Year was announced by City of Northville Fire Chief Steve Ott standing behind honoree Lt. Scott Rice; Plymouth Township Fire Fighter of the Year was awarded by Fire Captain David Fox to Doug Pickert; City of Plymouth Police Officer of the Year was presented to Ofc. Jason Hayes by Police Chief and Public Safety Director Al Cox and Plymouth Township Police Officer of the Year was presented to Ofc. Jason Hayes by Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington. The honorees each received a plaque and their names were engraved on the annual record of achievement. Photo by Helen Yancy.

Local legislators blast House actions

> *Even more insulting, these bills were introduced two days after Election Day and have been rushed through the legislative process.*

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) and State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) are both strongly critical of the approval last week of the Fair Wage and Time to Care laws by the Michigan Legislature.

The two bills, SB1171 and SB1175 gut the citizen-led ballot initiatives that were enacted into law in September. The Republican-controlled Senate voted to cut the number of paid sick days mandated by law from nine to four. They also approved an amendment that requires employees to work 40 hours instead of 30 hours to earn one hour of medical leave, and have exempted 160,000 Michigan small businesses and about 1 million workers from fair wage requirements.

In another bill, the elected officials altered the increase of the current minimum wage of $9.25 to $12.05 per hour by 2030 rather than $12 by 2022. Legislators admitted the bills were approved in September to prevent them from going on the ballot. If approved by voters, procedures for changing them would be much more difficult. The changes were made last week by simple majority votes in the House and Senate.

"In a perfect world, no person in Michigan should have to work multiple jobs or work through sickness just to keep food on the table. Though we are not perfect, we can make strides in the right direction.

"The people of Michigan gathered together to say enough is enough when they fought for these ballot initiatives. Now legislative Republicans have chosen to ignore the hardworking people of Michigan by gutting the protections they fought so hard to enshrine into law. This kind of legislation does not move Michigan forward. It's wrong and the people of my district know they deserve better," Jones said in a prepared statement.

Pagan was equally critical of the votes calling them "unprecedented and unconstitutional."

"This shameful attack on the working men and women of Michigan hurts not only our families, but is a direct assault on the democratic process by circumventing the will of the people. Even more insulting, these bills were introduced two days after Election Day and have been rushed through the legislative process. This blatant disregard for the people of Michigan pushes our working families further into poverty, is an assault on family values, and ignores the very people we were sent to represent," she said.

Wayne County Clerk closes Northville Township office

Effective Nov. 29, the Wayne County Clerk's Northville Township Satellite Office, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, was permanently closed.

The satellite office closing is the result of needed office space to accommodate the transfer of administrative staff and responsibilities for recreational services from the City of Northville to Northville Township, according to a prepared statement from the county.

"We appreciate having the opportunity for the past 10 years to provide quality service at the Wayne County Clerk's Northville Satellite Office and look forward to continuing the same level of service at our other locations," said Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett.

The Wayne County Clerk's office locations and hours are available at the Wayne County Clerk's website: www.waynecounty.com/elected/clerk/contact-us.aspx.

There is a Western Wayne Satellite Office at 3100 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, MI 48186, (734) 326-4690.

Hours are from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Canton

Financial reporting receives state award

Canton Township has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award recognizes the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) prepared for the township and is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government, according to a prepared release from the township.

This is the 26th consecutive year that Canton has been recognized for outstanding financial reporting. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the Canton Finance and Budget Department, specifically, as that group is primarily responsible for the preparing the award-winning CAFR.

"I'm proud to be part of an organization that puts such emphasis on proper processes," said Wendy Trumbull, Canton director of finance and budget. "We couldn't have achieved this award without the support of our board of trustees or the hard work put forth by our great finance team. They dedicate a significant amount of time and effort to ensure proper financial reporting."

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Township Supervisor Pat Williams agreed, noting, "I am so proud of the continued high level of achievement exhibited by all Canton employees, but in particular our finance department and their commitment to providing financial stability, accuracy and transparency year-in and year-out."

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Township names new sergeant

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Adam Shulman, an 11 1/2 year-veteran of the Canton Police Department was promoted to the rank of sergeant at the Nov. 27 regular meeting of the board of trustees.

Shulman will serve as a platoon supervisor responsible for the leadership, training and mentoring of road patrol officers assigned to his shift.

Shulman will also handle administrative assignments and special projects under the leadership of his designated shift commander.

The newly promoted sergeant was joined by his wife Allie, twin boys Cameron and Conner, and other members of his extended family during the meeting. Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams presented Shulman's new badge and Township Clerk Michael Siegrist administered the oath of office.

Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier told the board members during his presentation of a five-year strategic plan for the department that five additional officers will join the Canton Police Department. That is due, in part, he said, to grant money allocated through the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"I'm really proud of the work my team did on this plan," said Meier, who thanked Williams and board members for their leadership.

In other business, trustees learned that use of Nankin Transit Commission transportation has increased, necessitating hiring an additional driver for the five communities the entity serves.

Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director, said the additional hiring is due to Canton use of the system, for older and disabled people, taking drivers from neighboring communities also in the ridership area.

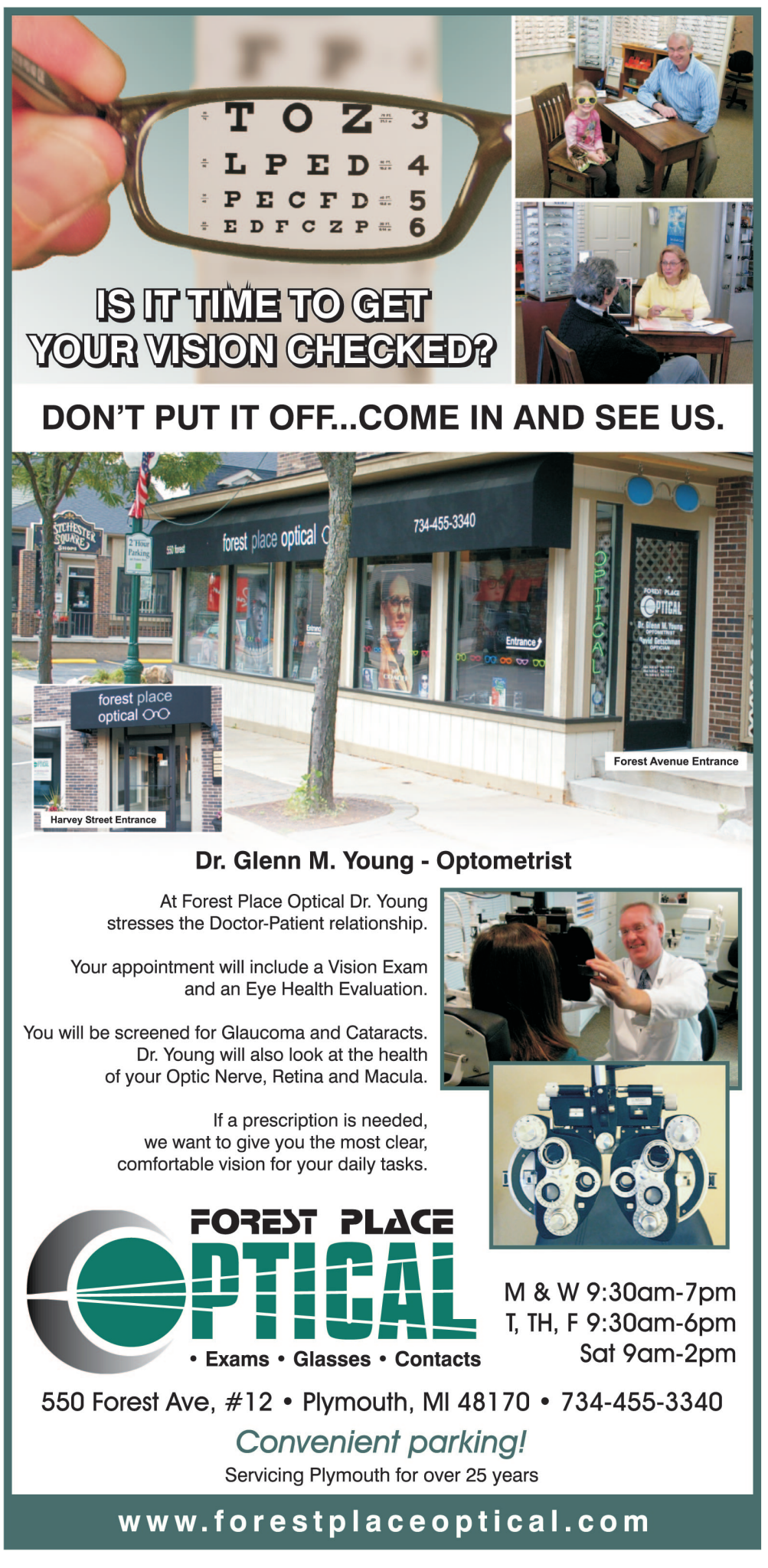
On May 22, 2018, the Canton Board of Trustees authorized a three-year agreement with an automatic renewal option to the Nankin Transit Commission to become the service provider for the Canton Mobility Transportation Program. Service levels and the projected budget were established using the data reported by the previous service provider.

After several months of operations, Nankin has been able to increase ridership by 30 percent by having a more efficient service network, Hohenberger said of the driver hire need. The total cost of $50,000 will be split among the five communities in the program. The Canton portion is 50 percent or $25,000 as this driver will be stationed in the township.

Hohenberger told trustees that's an increase to the 2019 budget but still significantly lower than the cost of the previous transit provider. Leisure Services will work with the Nankin Transit Commission, the Canton Mobility Transportation Advisory Committee, and various funding sources in order to implement the contract.

Nankin Transit takes seniors and disabled people within the five communities of Canton, Wayne, Westland, Inkster and Garden City and one mile outside of the five communities for physician appointments. It also services the destination point of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Congratulating Sgt. Adam Shulman of the Canton Police Department on his promotion are, at left, Township Clerk Michael Siegrist and, at right, Township Supervisor Pat Williams.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WESTLAND

Westland Shop & Dine campaign now under way

The 9th Annual Shop and Dine campaign is still under way throughout Westland.

The multifaceted marketing campaign promotes the city shopping district as a location that offers "Everything you want. Everything you need" for holiday shopping.

The Shop and Dine district is anchored by the Westland Shopping Center and is surrounded by 160 shops, restaurants and services making it the premier shopping and dining destination, a city spokesman noted.

Television commercials promoting the campaign, radio ads and billboards on major freeways are all being used to promote the city along with a large digital and social presence, officials noted.

As part of the Shop and Dine Campaign, the city will once again be giving away a free shopping spree to one lucky winner at the Westland Shopping Center.

This year, Westland is partnering with the popular Jay Towers in the Morning to give away the $5,000 shopping spree. Towers, along with the WNIC promo team will be on site giving away additional prizes and doing a live broadcast from the event. Everyone present at the mall from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 15 will have a chance to win the grand prize and there will be additional prizes given away, including the runner up prize of a $1,000 spree at JCPenney.

> *We really do have everything you want and everything you need...*

"We are proud of Westland Shopping Center and the entire Shop and Dine District," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Our city has so much to offer, with over 100 retail stores, including all the big box stores like Ashley's Furniture, Art Van and Best Buy along with over 60 restaurants including Anna`s House - with the best brunch around. Westland makes it easy to shop this holiday season with easy access from all major freeways and safe convenient parking throughout the city. We really do have everything you want and everything you need," Wild said.

McWelcome

City officials and business leaders, including, from left, Westland Chief Business Development Officer Charles House, City Councilwoman Tasha Green; McDonald's owner/operator Joni Thrower, Mayor William R. Wild and City Councilman Michael Londeau gathered last week for a first look at the newly-renovated Westland McDonald's location. New features include kiosks for ordering, table service, digital menu boards, a double drive-thru and more payment options. "We're excited to share this evolved experience at McDonald's with our customers," said Thrower. As part of the event, Thrower made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit to thank them for the support and services they provide to families in Southeast Michigan.

Holiday decorating contest begins

The "All American Holiday Decorating Contest" began in Westland Nov. 30 and will continue until midnight on Monday, Dec. 24. Residents can visit the City of Westland website to nominate their own decorations or those of a friend or neighbor in one or in all of the three categories: Best Traditional Display, Most Creative Display and Over the Top Display. Nominees will be asked to enter a picture along with their submission.

"The department of neighborhood services team will be out and about in neighborhoods in search of those residents who have gone the extra mile to make their homes shine this holiday season," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "They will be the judges this year and will make the final decision on who wins."

Winners will be announced and awarded with prizes at the first council meeting of the New Year on Monday, Jan. 7.

"One of my favorite memories of the holidays growing up in Westland was driving around with my parents to look at the holiday lights and decorations," commented Wild.

"We have a lot of creative, festive residents here and I am excited to see what everyone comes up with."

Romulus - Wayne

Teen is charged as adult in fatal shooting

A Wayne teen could spend the rest of his life in prison following the fatal shooting of a man outside the Hype Athletic Center Nov. 26.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Antoine Perry, 16, of Wayne as an adult in connection with shooting of 19-year-old Devin Woods of Ypsilanti during what police described as a marijuana buy gone awry.

Wayne police were dispatched to the Hype Athletic Center at about 5:20 p.m. Nov. 26. When officers arrived on the scene, they discovered the body of Woods in the lobby of the building, according to police reports. Medics arrived and transported the victim to Beaumont Hospital Wayne where Woods was pronounced dead.

Prosecutors allege that Perry had contacted the victim to purchase marijuana and the two met in the parking lot of the athletic center on Howe Road near Annapolis. Investigators allege that Perry tried to take the marijuana without paying for it and Woods attempted to drive away. Prosecutors also allege that the Perry fired a weapon at Woods in his vehicle, striking him multiple times.

The heavily bleeding victim made his way from his car into the lobby of the athletic center seeking help. Hype personnel called 911 and attempted to aid Woods prior to the arrival of police and medical personnel, according to an earlier report of the incident.

Perry was arrested without incident on Saturday, Dec. 1, according to a Facebook post from the Wayne police. Michigan State Police, called by Wayne to aid in the investigation, confirmed by tweet that the state Special Investigation Section Troopers had determined that the 16-year-old Perry was the primary suspect in the incident.

"An arrest warrant was obtained and the suspect was arrested by Wayne PD without incident," state police tweeted.

The teen has been charged with one count of felony murder, one count of armed robbery and two counts of felony firearm, according to the prosecutor's office.

He was arraigned and remanded to jail Friday, Dec. 7. The probable cause conference is set for Dec. 21 and the preliminary examination is scheduled for Dec. 28 in 29th District Court in Wayne.

Jumping with Jill

Students from Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School in Wayne and Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton Township participated in the Jump With Jill live tour performance recently. Currently on their live tour, Jump with Jill performers have been visiting Wayne Westland district elementary schools to teach students about the importance of healthy eating and exercise. Jump With Jill has performed 3,000 times for a million students across six countries and has been nominated for three Emmy® Awards for supporting educational materials.

Wreath ceremony time changed

Romulus Memorial Cemetery will be participating in Wreaths across America set for noon Saturday, Dec. 15. The original 10 a.m. time has been changed.

The goal is install 400 memorial wreaths in the cemetery, located at 10101 Shook Road in Romulus. The annual wreath tribute is an effort of the Veterans Outreach Committee and donations and sponsorships for wreaths are still being accepted. A wreath for one veteran can be sponsored for $15 or sponsorships with a local fundraising group are available by visiting www.wreathsacrossamerica.org and choose a local fundraising group option.

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

TO: Pablo Perez Jr.

You are hereby notified that on October 19th, 2017, pursuant to MCL 333.7521, the Canton Township Police Department seized the following described property: 2009 Chevrolet Silverado, VIN: 3GCEC23J79G164464. If you claim an interest in the property you must, within twenty (20) days of the first publication of this notice, file a claim with the Canton Township Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, phone: 734-394-5400. Failure to file a written claim will result in the forfeiture of the seized items to the Canton Township Police Department.

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Charter Township of Canton Special Board Proceedings – December 1, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 1, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: None Guest: Lew Bender, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, Southern Illinois University **Adoption of Agenda** The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent. **SPECIAL TOPIC: Team Building with Special Guest Lew Bender** Professor Bender engaged the board in a Team Building Exercise. **Public Comments:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:15 p.m. **___Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk ___Pat Williams, Supervisor**

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – December 4, 2018

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **ROLL CALL** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Graham-Hudak, Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Trumbull, Engineering Services Manager - Bill Serchak, Accounting Manager - Sarah Clay Guest: Gorette Young - MDOT **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Approval of an Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Ford Road (M-153) Boulevard Project. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the agreement, including the provision to allow staff to further refine the terms in Canton's best interest, with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the Ford Road (M-153) Boulevard Project; and, authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Foster, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **____ Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk ____Pat Williams, Supervisor**

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 26, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-400 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-401 2B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2018 – Open Session, City Quarterly Investment Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
18-402 5A. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution for the City of Romulus Poverty Exemption for 2019 to be used by the Board of Review to approve or deny poverty exemptions.
Discussion: City Assessor, Julie Albert, gave an overview of Federal Government approved guidelines the State of Michigan recommends for poverty exemptions. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-403 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Wayne County for improvements to Fernandez Park located on Avalon Street, to update the walking path that surrounds the park, purchase a new swing set, planters, and a message board for upcoming events in the City of Romulus. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-404 5C. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to concur with the administration and authorize renewal of the Michigan Municipal League membership dues until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-405 5D. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-12 to allocate funding for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five (5) additional Firefighter positions.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Assigned Fund Balance				
101-000-393.001	SAFER Grant	47,800	(10,000)	37,800
Expense				
101-270-828.000	Employee Processing	17,500	10,000	27,500

To allocate funding for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five additional firefighter positions. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-406 5E. Moved by **Roscoe** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-13 to recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with the acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five (5) additional Firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant beginning February 23, 2019.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Assigned Fund Balance				
101-000-393.001	SAFER Grant	37,800	(37,800)	-
Revenue (Fire)				
101-336-501.094	Federal Grant – SAFER	-	113,300	113,300
Expense (Fire)				
101-336-702.002	SAFER Salaries	-	75,640	75,640
101-336-706.000	Comp Abs	54,550	8,370	62,920
101-336-710.000	Overtime	158,380	6,275	164,655
101-336-715.000	Social Security	94,250	5,590	99,840
101-336-715.001	Medicare	22,040	1,310	23,350
101-336-716.001	Defined Benefit	16,910	3,040	19,950
101-336-717.100	Retiree Health Savings	5,890	740	6,630
101-336-718.000	Health Insurance	391,160	39,875	431,035
101-336-719.000	Dental Insurance	17,050	2,315	19,365
101-336-720.000	Life Insurance	1,570	170	1,740
101-336-721.000	LTD Insurance	4,490	340	4,830
101-336-722.000	Worker's Comp	48,340	2,880	51,220
101-336-723.000	Empl Assistance	550	55	605
101-336-957.005	SAFER Training	-	4,500	4,500

To recognize federal funding and allocate additional funds for costs associated with acceptance of the 2017 SAFER Grant and the hiring of five additional firefighter positions in accordance with the "Period Performance" for the grant beginning 02/23/2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
18-407 5F. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-16 to cover the purchase of a police vehicle that was not encumbered from the 17/18approved budget.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Federal Forfeiture Fund				
Expense				
267-301-970.000	Capital Outlay	-	30,867	30,867
Fund Balance				
267-000-390.000	Fund Balance	119,157	(30,867)	88,290

To cover the purchase of a police vehicle that was not encumbered from the 17/18 approved budget. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report
18-408 6A1. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the Executive Advisory Committee and City Assessor, Julie Albert, to re-appoint Shirley Lamberson and Debra Hoffman to the Board of Review with their terms to commence on January 1, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Repot
7. Public Comment
A resident spoke about water on his property. Two citizens spoke about an eviction.
8. Unfinished Business
Mayor Burcroff spoke about a home that the City purchased at fair market value. Councilwoman Williams asked if the City could get a copy of an order of eviction from the court. City Attorney, Steve Hitchcock, informed that the information regarding an eviction could possibly be obtained by filing a Freedom of Information request with the court.
9. New Business
18-409 9A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Steven John Lewkowicz. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
10. Communication
Councilwoman Williams thanked Chief of Staff, Julie Wojtylko, for clearing up a matter that she was not the person at a towing company with another resident. City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg recognized the APA on the success of their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Councilwoman Talley commented that Mrs. Edwards was very appreciative of Council's recognition of her and Mr. Edwards' 50 wedding anniversary. Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden recognized a City of Inkster councilman who was in the audience. Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder to check out the Romulus Animal Shelter for Christmas gifts.
18-410 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-22 in the amount of $1,400,026.87. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 26, 2018.

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NORTHVILLE

Public safety director offers strategic plan

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Last month, Northville Township Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler presented an ambitious five-year strategic plan to the members of the township board of trustees for both the police and fire departments under his command.

Mutchler created a blueprint to set priorities and identify available resources with five main goals for police and fire staff, in three basic categories.

High on Mutchler's list is professional development and additional training to address a plan for emerging threats in what he calls an "unsafe world" and "work toward a safer community."

Northville Township, considered a "bedroom community," has had a few unusual high crime incidents in the past six months, including bank robberies and home invasions, along with a domestic situation that turned violent.

"We see and hear a lot more of crime incidents these days because of social media," Mutchler explained. "Our motto is 'Working for a safer community…The key elements are service, trust and respect.'"

To date the department has received 21,542 combined police and fire calls for service for the 31,000 or so township residents, according to department records.

While Mutchler is looking first at staffing levels, he says has plan to partner with the FBI Identity Theft and Fraud Task Force, and add more officers using existing staff personnel. It's not just about staffing, he stressed.

Part of the plan is to update radio dispatch communication equipment, improve the police department facilities, including the holding facility and purchase body-worn cameras. On a larger scale, Mutchler is looking at the possibility of creating a motor carrier traffic unit and training and certifying motorcycle officers.

Mutchler said he would like to work with the trustees to secure property for a second fire station and secure funding to hire six additional firefighters to adequately staff a two-fire-station operation. Part of his plan to work toward accreditation by the Commission On Fire Accreditation International to ensure the department is following national best practices.

Mutchler thoroughly examined training and development needs for both police and fire personnel with an eye toward providing and enhancing response capabilities and providing professional leadership development. He pointed out to the board the need for advanced technology and additional resources to create a more efficient staff environment. He's exploring further cooperative purchasing opportunities with other area agencies, he explained.

Each month Mutchler calls together his staff command personnel for a "Compstat" meeting that entails a breakdown, review and discussion of all the incidents that occurred during the month for both police and fire departments. The concept is patterned after a program initiated by the New York City Police Department in the 1990s. Compstat is an acronym for Computer Comparison Statistics. Compstat emphasizes information-sharing, responsibility, accountability and improving effectiveness. The programs four generally recognized core components are: timely and accurate information or intelligence; rapid deployment of resources; effective tactics and relentless follow-up.

Mutchler was hired three years ago into the Northville Township position after retiring from a 28-year career with the Canton Police Department. He held various positions such as supervisor of the detective bureau, patrol lieutenant, special services lieutenant prior to his appointment as public safety director in 2012. A native of Grand Haven, Mutchler graduated from Eastern Michigan University Police Academy and worked in the Public Safety Division of the University.

Todd Mutchler

73 students named by National Merit group

A record 73 members of the Northville High School Class of 2019 have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as academically outstanding.

The recognition is based on the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in the students completed during their junior year. The students were honored as part of the Northville Board of Education meeting at Northville High School Dec. 11.

Thirty-nine Northville seniors are National Merit Scholar semi-finalists, ranking them among the top 1 percent of the more than 1.6 million students across the nation participating in the National Merit Scholarship Competition (NMSC). These students also have the opportunity to move forward in the nationally recognized scholarship competition. National Merit Scholar semi-finalists from the Northville Class of 2019 include: Sai Anantapantula, Pranav Doppalapudi, Aveek Duttagupta, Arvind Ganeshram, Connie Gao, Esha Garg, Bhavika Gummadi, Quinna Halim, David Hargitt, Ishaan Hiranandani, Heidi Huang, Ila Iyengar, Raymond Jiang, Bhavyashree Kadiri, Shreya Kashyap, Essam Kassem, Vishal Kolla, Megha Kunju, Isabella Lee, Catherina Lu, Saaz Malhotra, Hogan Mastanduno, Pranav Meka, Ishani Misra, Sean Munro, Hui Murray, Salil Nadkarni, Surbhi Neole, Travis Nitkiewicz, Krisha Patel, Vineet Raju, Vania Rohmetra, Mariella Simoncini, Neila Thomas, Claire Wan, Timothy Wu, Jean Xiong, Annabel Yang and Siri Yarlagadda.

National Merit Scholar Commended students rank among the top 5 percent of their peers academically. The 34 commended students in the Northville Class of 2019 include: Shreya Basu, Lindsey Brenton, Logan Bry, Shreya Chadalavada, Natalie Corrigan, Nicole Cybul, Nikith Ganan, Allen Ho, Rebecca Hopkins, Khushi Kapoor, Kate Kim, Nolan Knight, Jacob Liu, Kristina Mallabo, Kiran Mangrulkar, Savannah Manley, Kira McCorry, Lillian Miller, Kevin Moser, Jason Nitkiewicz, Anjalee Patel, Callum Roberts, Disha Satapathy, Annabel Sharnowski, Dante Silva, Medha Sripada, Valentyna Stadnik, Paige Tar, Jonathon Tish, Matthew Tong, Suneeth Torke, Julia Tweadey, Amulya Vankayalapati, and Melina Varlamos.

"As National Merit Scholar semi-finalists and commended students, these seniors have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and have the potential for great success in rigorous college studies," said Northville High School Principal Tony Koski. "We honor their outstanding achievement, and are proud to know as educators that we have played a role in preparing them for this rapidly changing world. We look forward to all that these students will accomplish in the years to come."

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Plymouth

First Step awarded grant for renovation

First Step has received a $28,000 grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation to support physical improvements to the main administration building in Plymouth.

Counseling and support groups for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence also takes place at the Plymouth facility.

Planned improvements will modernize the building, replace aging structural elements, improve energy efficiency as well as safety and visibility for occupants and visitors. "These repairs and improvements are vital to the continuation of the organization's invaluable services and aid in the safe navigation toward 'peaceful families, safe communities'," explained Lori Kitchen-Buschel, executive director of First Step.

"First Step is the only agency of its kind in Wayne County; we are the only agency that provides comprehensive services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Evaluating capital improvement projects often comes easily because the results are tangible and can be seen. The long-term effect on the agency is significant. By supporting these capital improvements, First Step staff, volunteers, and board members will be able to get back to doing what they do best, making our community safer from the crimes of domestic and sexual violence," she added."

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. She was born in 1910 in Redford Township and moved with her mother to Plymouth in the 1920s. During her lifetime, Ms. Dunning was a successful business woman, philanthropist, and civic booster. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society. In addition to her personal philanthropy, Ms. Dunning was a classic car enthusiast and was a regular participant in the Woodward Dream Cruise with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.

Ms. Dunning died in 2013 at the age of 104. Her estate provided additional funding for the Margaret Dunning Foundation, which continues to support her charitable interests and legacy. For more information: www.margaretdunningfdn.org

More information about First Step can be found at www.first-step-mi.org.

Plymouth hosts first-ever Mistletoe Market

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Claire M. Smith of Addison, Michigan, was happy to be in downtown Plymouth again on Thursday, Dec. 6.

"I did the Plymouth Farmers Market, the (Plymouth) Ice Festival," said Smith, whose family grows grains that become granola. She was at a merchant event, Mistletoe Market, that day.

"My dad is the farmer and grows the grain on our farm" in Addison, said Smith, greeting customers in the tent on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth. "I just had my first birthday as a business." Her Tenera Grains company (teneragrains.com, also on Facebook) is in some grocery stores and online.

"I love Plymouth, I've gotten so much support. Westborn (Market) was the first store I got into," said Smith.

Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is confident about local holiday shopping.

"Right now, people seem to have some money in this area," Graff said from his office on Ann Arbor Trail. "So it looks like it's going to be a pretty good Christmas."

He was eager to get to the Dec. 6 downtown Plymouth event, organized by downtown Plymouth merchants and billed as a European Market.

"This is totally driven by a group of merchants," Graff said. The recent General Motors layoff announcements, Graff acknowledged may impact the economy.

"Going forward, people are a little bit cautious" on buying items.

Rob and Heidi Parent, husband and wife, who own Sun & Snow across from Kellogg Park, were busy setting up for the rush of customers. Merchants and restaurants Parent said of the Plymouth shops which draw shoppers from throughout southeast Michigan.

"They're looking for that classic holiday environment. It really revolves around holiday shopping that's family-friendly and unique," Rob Parent said. "We're trying to market this town as one cohesive experience."

Parent noted shopping in Frankenmuth and even New England as similar.

"We just really believe in maintaining a healthy and vibrant community. I was born and raised here in Plymouth," and want to "maintain the momentum this town has."

He and Heidi left Plymouth for awhile. "So we came back to raise kids. You don't know what you have until it's gone," he noted.

Down Ann Arbor Trail, Home Sweet Home store owner Carol Uber was greeting many customers. She tipped her hat to fellow merchants, especially the Parents, noting "They do so much. Unbelievable. Heidi and Rob stepped up. She does so much for this town. They're behind the scenes on most things."

"You have to create an experience, not just stock the shelves," Uber said, and friendly, good customer service."

The European Market included music and horse-drawn carriage rides.

Rob Parent, who owns Sun & Snow with wife, Heidi, was busy organizing the merchant- and restaurant-driven event to bring people to downtown Plymouth.

City wins 4-star rating for economic development

The City of Plymouth has been recognized for its successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's entrepreneurial growth and economic development by the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn Center for Innovation Research. The City of Plymouth was honored as a four-star community along with 180 other communities across the state.

Assistant Community Development Director Greta Bolhuis has prepared the Plymouth submission to the eCities research for the past three years.

"It's a valuable process to go through every year," she said. "It allows us to evaluate what development occurred and what we can improve upon for the next year."

During the next five years, city officials said they hope to welcome a variety of businesses.

"The city is successful because of business owners who call Plymouth their home," said Bolhuis. "We are aiming to have a united vision between the various organizations that serve the business community and work together to ensure all special events and daily business runs smoothly. We want to cultivate meaningful relationships with developers, Realtors, builders, and architects who do work in our city to encourage future development and re-development."

The eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets, and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments and cost of doing business within the community. During the five-year period of 2013-2017, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 2 percent per year by investments such as street and building improvements, technology, and emergency vehicles and equipment.

"While accounting for only about 15 percent of the cities and townships in Michigan, the 277 communities analyzed are home to 70 percent of the population and 85 percent of the state's commercial property," said Tim Davis, director of iLabs. "By analyzing these high-performing communities, our goal is to showcase what cities and townships are doing to spur growth and how we can continue to support their efforts in developing business and encouraging entrepreneurs."

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Belleville - Inkster

40 under 40

Inkster legislator is honored by Forbes

State House Representative Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) has been named to the prestigious Forbes 30 under 30 list of 2019 as one of the nation's most influential young people in the field of law and policy.

The annual list provides an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the contributions of some of the most inspiring young professionals in the country, particularly in areas that have been historically lacking in youth engagement. Experts and industry leaders pour through thousands of candidates each year to recognize the most promising trailblazers.

"I am deeply honored to be named to the Forbes 30 under 30 list alongside so many incredible young change-makers," said Jones. "Even though we come from a variety of diverse backgrounds, the one thing that each of us on this list has in common is that we refused to be defined by our age. We choose to let our actions, passion and unwavering commitment to making a difference in our communities speak for themselves," Jones said in a prepared statement.

"I didn't run for office just to be the youngest representative in the state's history; I ran because I wanted to be a part of forging a brighter future for the people of Michigan," said Jones. "I hope the stories of those of us on this list will inspire other young people to set aside their age and have the courage to take a stand for what they believe."

Inkster officers buy treats at the Dorothy Gardner Memorial Bake Sale recently. The late Mrs. Gardner began the bake sales to help fund police outreach efforts.

Sweet salute

Bake sale founder remembered by police

Dorothy Gardner still had a seat waiting for her. The late Inkster resident was honored by the members of the Inkster Police Department and Commission on Aging at their most recent quarterly bake sale in November.

The event was created by Mrs. Gardner around two years ago to support community outreach for the police department and commission on aging.

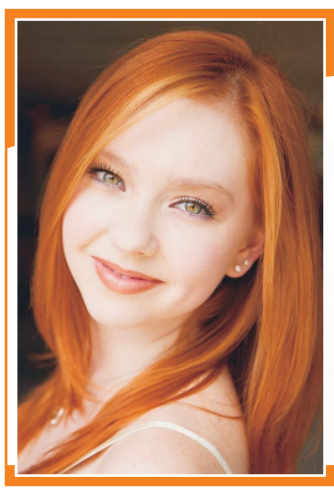
Mrs. Gardner was a dedicated public servant, serving as an auxiliary police officer in the city. She was actively involved in her community, dedicating time to raise money for the city and serving on the commission on aging.

Following her death, the Inkster Police Department dedicated the bake sale to Mrs. Gardner, naming it the Dorothy Gardner Memorial Bake Sale. Her event carries on as a way to support increased community relations efforts by the department.

This quarter, all items were $1, and the bake sale sold more than 100 various baked goods. All proceeds from the sale will support concession equipment for free movie nights and Coffee with a Cop events. The funds also support the department efforts to provide basketballs, jump ropes and chalk for children in the city.

Now open

The I-94 pedestrian bridge, the newest community project of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA), has been completed and is open for use. Continued improvement of pedestrian and bicycle access to the business district is a priority of the Van Buren Township DDA, a spokesman explained. Located along the east side of Belleville Road, the new pedestrian overpass will improve connectivity between the north and south sides of the business district by providing Van Buren Township residents and visitors with a reliable and safe way to navigate over I-94 by foot or bicycle, connecting residential neighborhoods with the downtown area. Working in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Van Buren Township DDA was able to secure nearly $500,000 through TAP grant funding to aide in the cost of construction. Landscaping and minor details will be completed during spring 2019, according to a statement from the township.For more information on the Van Buren Township DDA, visit VanBurenDDA.com.



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Calendar of events

Help for seniors available

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Available services include snow removal, trash removal, lawn care, minor repairs, errands, building and repair of handicap accessories.

For more information, contact Queen Paris Jones, (313) 778-0931.

Award nominees sought

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the Business of the Year Award to be presented at the annual banquet Jan. 12.

Nominees for this award will exemplify the best in what people expect from a small town business, as well as placing an emphasis on customer service, quality product and beautification of their building and/or goods.

The award committee members will consider the nominee's involvement in the community, the chamber, the schools, area non-profits, continued capital investment in the business and an overall community presence.

Businesses can be nominated with a short paragraph including the business and owner's name and the reason for the nomination and submitted to the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St, Belleville, MI 48111.

For more information, call (734) 697-7151.

Emergency volunteers sought

The Canton Public Safety Emergency Management Division is seeking volunteers to join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The CERT program educates members about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations, according to a spokesman.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

A new basic CERT class is currently forming. For information, contact William Hayes, emergency management coordinator, by email to whayes@canton-mi.org, or by phone at (734) 394-5357.

Santa visits museum

The Belleville Central Business Community is sponsoring Photos With Santa from noon until 4 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Belleville Area Museum.

The photos will be in conjunction with the Festival of Holiday Trees exhibit under way at the museum, located at 405 Main St. in downtown Belleville.

Children's ornament workshops planned

The Belleville Area Museum will host the annual Children's Christmas Ornament Workshops and photos with Santa at noon, 1:15 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15.

Reservations are strongly encouraged are required for groups. For more information and reservations, call (734) 697-1944 or email kdallos@provide.net.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Butterfly Ball, a Valentine's Day tradition in Canton.

The dance will take place Feb. 8 and 9 at the Summit on the Park, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories. Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated- balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Guests can choose from three dances: 6 p.m. Feb. 8 or 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 9.

Ticket sales will end Feb.1.

Tickets are priced at $11 for Canton residents and $14 for non-residents. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. The event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is encouraged. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Chorus presents concert

The Belleville Community Chorus members will present their 13th annual holiday concert titled "Sounds of Winter" beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

Under the leadership of director Rachel Parr, accompanied by Judith Weed and a variety of other instrumentalists, the concert will feature songs of the season. Sounds of Winter will also include numbers by the Belleville Community Children's Chorus. The concert is free, though donations supporting the chorus are welcome.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

Coffee With A Cop in Inkster

Residents are invited to join the Inkster Police Department for a cup of coffee and conversation during Coffee With A cop set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at Applewood Coney Island, 28640 Michigan Ave.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative started in California in March 2011 to improve relations between law enforcement officers and the citizens they serve daily. Community members are encouraged to ask officers questions and voice their concerns during the event.

Magician to appear

Direct from his world tour, Michigan native Aaron Radatz will be returning to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for one show at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22.

Radatz, who was recently featured on the global TV sensation Masters of Illusion, will be presenting a display of magic and comedy on the main stage of the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Recently, Radatz completed his first headlining engagement on the famed Las Vegas Strip and is the only magician to have been commissioned by the US Pentagon to entertain overseas troops. Tickets range from $20 to $24 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

Holiday spectacular at Village

"The Most Explosive Christmas Show Around Town" and the number one holiday show in Canton will open tonight at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The Christmas Broadway Spectacular celebrates the magic of Christmas like never before with an all-new, unforgettable experience as Santa Claus, Mrs. C, and Ellie take center stage with a cast of some of the best performers in the area.

Only seven performances are scheduled this weekend including shows at 6 p.m. today and tomorrow, Dec. 14, and at 11 a.m. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15. The final two shows are at noon and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

The show includes twirling ballerinas, dancing Toy Soldiers, and a whimsical sleigh ride around the world with Santa and his magical reindeer.

Tickets can be purchased for $24, and printed at home or held in will call, anytime online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. The box office is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (734) 394-5300 x3, with a Visa or MasterCard during box office hours. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Circus celebrates New Years Eve

The Detroit Circus will perform beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Village Theater in Canton Township.

Talented performers will dazzle viewers of all ages with high flying aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing and eating, stilt walking and acrobatics, contortion, juggling, feats of mind-bending strength and acro-balance, as well as a variety of circus sideshow acts.

Tickets to this special performance are $22 each. For more information, or tickets, call (734) 394-5300.

AARP tax help offered

The Plymouth District Library will again host AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, this winter.

Appointments take place on Wednesdays in February, March and the first two weeks of April. Appointment scheduling will begin on Jan. 7.

This year, the library will host three appointment scheduling open houses. Those seeking free tax preparation appointments should plan to attend one of these open house sessions: 9:30 a.m. until noon both Monday, Jan. 7 and Tuesday, Jan. 8 or 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. Attendees will select a day and time, receive a confirmation on the spot and enjoy coffee and donuts.

Those unable to attend one of these sessions, can still call the library tax appointment line (734) 453-0750, ext 229 to schedule an appointment. Leave a message and beginning Jan. 10, a library volunteer will return calls to schedule appointments.

Library sells used books

The Friends of the Westland Library will host a used book sale beginning with a preview sale from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. The general sale will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8 and 9. Bag Day will take place from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy. in Westland. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

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